

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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BIO- DIESEL PROCUREMENT POLICIES

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the failure of bio-diesel procurement policy announced by the Government as reported in 'Dainik Jagaran' dated August 6, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether not a single litre of bio-diesel has been purchased by the public sector oil companies during the last 10 months;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the total amount so far spent by the Union Government on the said project;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to the farmers to bring down the price of bio-diesel;
- (g) if so, the details thereof, and
- (h) the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

- (a) & (h) The Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.